

IDENTIFICATION OF THE GENE CAUSING THE MOUSE SCURFY  
PHENOTYPE AND ITS HUMAN ORTHOLOG

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Isolated nucleic acid molecules are provided which encode Fkh<sup>sf</sup>, as well as mutant forms thereof. Also provided are expression vectors suitable for expressing such nucleic acid molecules, and host cells containing such expression vectors. Utilizing assays based upon the nucleic acid sequences disclosed herein (as well as mutant forms thereof), numerous molecules may be identified which modulate the immune system.

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